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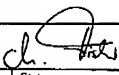
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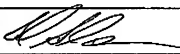
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Title: (EN) MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT
 (DE) KRAFTFAHRZEUGSITZ

Abstract: (EN) The invention relates to a motor vehicle seat comprising a backrest which can be moved from at least one position of use wherein it protects the back of the passenger, to a seating surface of the motor vehicle seat, an upholstery carrier which receives the seat upholstery which defines the seating surface and the place where the passenger can sit, and a coupling element which enables the backrest to be coupled to the upholstery carrier in such a manner that said support is displaced when the backrest is moved, especially lowered and/or displaced in the longitudinal direction of the seat. According to the invention, the coupling element (1) is elastically mounted by means of an elastic element (2) in such a manner that when the backrest (R) is moved, the elastic element (2) is initially deformed before the coupling element (1) can act upon the upholstery carrier (W).

(DE) Die Erfindung bezieht sich auf einen Kraftfahrzeugsitz mit einer Rückenlehne, die aus mindestens einer Gebräuchersposition, in der sie zum Abstützen des Rückens eines Sitzbenutzers dient, auf eine Sitzfläche des Kraftfahrzeugsitzes vorklappbar ist; mit einem Polsterträger, der zur Aufnahme eines Sitzpolsters dient, das die Sitzfläche definiert und auf dem ein Sitzbenutzer sitzen kann; und mit einem Koppelglied, über das die Rückenlehne derart mit dem Polsterträger gekoppelt ist, dass dieser beim Vorklappen der Rückenlehne verlagert, insbesondere abgesenkt und/oder in Sitzlängsrichtung bewegt, wird. Erfindungsgemäß ist das Koppelglied (1) mittels eines elastischen Elementes (2) derart federnd gelagert, dass bei einem Vorklappen der Rückenlehne R zunächst das elastische Element (2) deformiert wird, bevor das Koppelglied (1) auf den Polsterträger (W) einwirken kann.

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